This whole work is divided into Three Books.

In the First Book is contained the exhortation to establish and order the French tongue by fixed rules for speaking elegantly in good and sound French diction.

In the Second the invention of the Attic Letters is treated, and their proportions are compared to those of the natural body and face of the perfect man. With many fine conceits & moral lessons concerning the said Attic Letters.

In the Third and last Book are drawn in their due proportions all the said Attic Letters in their alphabetical order, of their due height and breadth, each by itself, with instruction as to their right fashioning & correct pronunciation, both Latin and French, as well in the ancient as in the modern manner.

In two sheets at the end are added thirteen different fashions of Letters. These are, namely: Hebrew, Greek, and Latin Letters; French Letters, and these in four fashions, which are Cadeaulx, Forme, Bastarde, & Tourneure. Then follow the Persian, Arabic, African, Turkish, and Tartar Letters, all five of these in the same Alphabet. Then come the Chaldaic, the Goffes, which are otherwise called Imperial & Bullatic, the Fantastic Letters, the Utopian, or, as one may say, Voluntary. And, lastly, the Floriated Letters (Floryes). With instruction as to the manner of making ciphers of letters for gold rings, for tapestries, windows, paintings, and other things as need may arise.

Here follows the duplicate of the privilege given by our Lord the King to Maistre Geofroy Tory of Bourges, Bookseller and Author of this present Book, living in Paris, for Histories, Vignettes, Friezes, Borders, Headings, and Interlacements, and other Figures used in printing this Book, and Books of Hours for divers uses and of divers sizes. And the said Privilege is for the time and period of ten years beginning on the day of the date of the printing of the said Book and Hours.

PRIVILEGE OF OUR LORD THE KING.

FRancois, by the grace of God, King of France, to the Provost of Paris, Bailiff of Rouen, Seneschal of Lyons, and to all other Officers of Justice or to their Lieutenants, and to each of them as it shall appertain to him, greeting:

Our dear and well-loved Maistre Geofroy Tory of Bourges, bookseller, living at Paris, has caused it to be told and made known to us that, for the showing forth, enrichment, and embellishment for all time of the Latin and French tongues, he has in these last years made and composed a book in French prose entitled 'The Art and Science of the proper and true Proportions of the Attic Letters otherwise called Antique Letters, and in common speech Roman Letters, proportioned according to the human body & face,' which book he has caused to be shown and presented to us, praying and beseeching us, to this end, to give & grant to him Privilege, permission, & licence to print, or to have printed, the said book; together with certain Vignettes in the antique and in the modern style; also Friezes, Borders, Headings & Interlacements, for the printing of Hours, for such uses & of such sizes as shall seem good to him, during the period and term of ten years, beginning on the day of the printing of the said Book and Hours; with prorogation for a like time for divers Histories and Vignettes in the antique style by him heretofore printed; and that during the said period it shall not be lawful or allowable for any booksellers and printers of our Kingdoms, Provinces and Lordships, other than the said Tory, or those to whom he shall for this purpose entrust these books & other things described herein, to print them or to have them printed in any form. We give you to know that, having considered the foregoing, being favourably inclined to the petition and prayer of the said Maistre Geofroy Tory, and having regard and consideration to the trouble, labour, expenses, and outlay which he has been required to bear & sustain, as well in the composition of said Book as in the engraving of the said Histories, Vignettes, Friezes, Borders, Headings, and Interlacements for the printing of Hours, as has been said, for divers uses and of divers sizes, we have given and granted and by especial favour do by these presents give and grant to him, for these and other reasons us thereto moving, leave, licence, permission, and Privilege to print, or to have printed by his servants, agents and clerks, the said Book and Hours, of such sizes